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PROMOTION OF USE OF HINDI
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by his Ministry to promote the use of Hindi language in the official work which is being done presently in English only;

(b) the number of the Official Language Implementation Committees constituted alongwith the number of such committees in which the members of the Hindi Advisory Committee have been nominated; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) In the Ministry of Defence, the following measures are being taken to promote the progressive use of Hindi in the official work:-

(i) All documents falling under Section 3(3) of the Official Languages Act are issued in both the languages i.e. Hindi and English.

(ii) All communications received in Hindi are replied to in Hindi.

(iii) Hindi workshops are being organised from time to time.

(iv) Facility to work in Hindi on electronic equipments/computers has been provided.

(v) All the incentive schemes introduced by the Department of Official Language for promoting maximum work in Hindi are being implemented.

(vi) All publications/brochures/invitation cards relating to the Republic Day ceremony/Independence Day ceremony are brought out in Hindi also.

(vii) A biannual cash award scheme for writing original books on defence subjects in Hindi/translation of standard books in Hindi is being implemented.

(viii) Quarterly Progress Reports of the Departments of the Ministry are reviewed in the meetings of both the Official Language Implementation Committees.
(ix) Prime Minister's orders for promoting use of Hindi in official work have been circulated to all the senior officers for compliance.

(b) There are two Official Language Implementation Committees functioning in the Ministry of Defence − one for Department of Defence and Department of Defence Research and Development and the other for Department of Defence Production and Supplies. Action is being taken to nominate the non-official members of Hindi Advisory Committees in the said committees.

(c) Question does not arise.